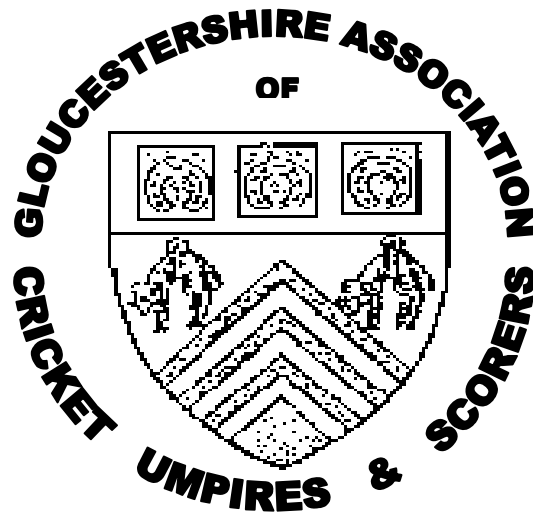


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Editorial

Despite the bitterly cold weather nature is showing signs of stirring and so it is within cricket, people and clubs are preparing for the coming season and we are part of that process with our AGM this month and the pre-season seminar in April. The AGM is important as it enables members to read reports and returns for the past year and gives them the opportunity to ask questions and air their views.

I fear all is not well with our Association, it stems from a deafening silence rather than actual knowledge of anything amiss. Ask yourself a question:- have I heard about training, grading, appointments etc. If the answer is no then you get my drift.

GACUS needs to be in a strong and central position. ECB are developing their own network throughout the Country by way of a County structure, strong evidence of their presence in Gloucestershire is there for all to see.

We should not be marginalised and it is up to us as members of GACUS to see that it does not happen!!

Trigger

Harry Revill

Sadly Harry died on 1st March. He had been in poor health for some time and confined to a wheel chair. He was a popular umpire around the County having been on the Three Counties League panel until the West of England Leagues were formed and then he stood in those games. He also stood in the Cheltenham evening competitions and youth and school matches. He was an active member of GACUS until his retirement and was made a Life Member of our Association. His funeral is on 25th March at Cheltenham Crematorium.

Finance

Subscriptions are now overdue. Please forward the sum of £8.00 to the Treasurer together with a Membership form without further delay. Forms can be downloaded from our Website. You may also pay at the AGM but remember to bring the membership form with you. Direct Debit forms are also available from the Treasurer.

Your membership will have lapsed if you have not paid by the end of the meeting!!!

Cliff Mitchell and Derek Hibbs Awards

Voting forms have been sent out to all active umpires and scorers for them to nominate their considered best officials for last season, also including the winter Indoor Competition. Filled in forms should be sent to the Secretary or handed in at the AGM. Results will be announced and presentations made at the pre-season seminar.

If you have not received these forms please contact the Editor straight away.

CRB

Now is the time when many members are renewing their CRB Certificates. It is essential that when the new certificate is received you notify Ron Birch so that membership records can be kept up to date and you will continue to receive appointments in the coming season.

Renewal forms can be signed off at the AGM from 7.00pm prior to the start of the meeting.

Training

There were no takers for the Thursday evening scorer course to be held at the Glos/City/Winget Clubhouse despite all the leagues being circulated with the details, which is pretty poor considering the shortage of club scorers at Glos/Wilts, Glos. Division and County League level. The all-day course at Hatherley & Reddings on Saturday 6th March went ahead with four candidates attending. The Workshop for advanced scorers is on Wednesday 31st March at the Victory Club. This is the ideal opportunity for competent scorers to get acquainted with linear or computer scoring. Sue Drinkwater has more details.

Indoor Cricket

The first season in the newly refurbished Cricket Hall was a resounding success. The hall was gleaming white and very well lit; the staff at the Centre were pleasant and helpful and went out of their way to see that everything was ready for us to play. The teams certainly enjoyed playing again and many of them expressed their thanks to us for the smooth running of the competition. Some of the umpires and scorers were new to the Indoor game but they quickly got the hang of it and soon became experts like the rest. The new scoreboard was a bit of a challenge but plain to read from the playing area.

Cheltenham excelled and did the double winning both league and cup competitions, going on to represent the County in the Nationals but fell at the first hurdle to Oxford CC.

There will be Indoor Cricket throughout next winter from Oct to end of February bringing greater benefit to teams and officials in terms of fitness and awareness so please seriously consider offering yourself in a scoring or umpiring capacity, we shall need a bigger squad than before!

The Great British Tour

The tour started and ended at Southampton, did you manage to identify all the towns and cities on our circular tour? Unfortunately there were no prizes but here are the answers.

1	Christchurch	2	Dorchester	3	Axminster
4	Torquay	5	Helston	6	St. Ives
7	Wadebridge	8	Ilfracombe	9	Watchet
10	Weston Super Mare	11	Bristol	12	Berkeley
13	Gloucester	14	Lydney	15	Caerphilly
16	Llanelli	17	St. David's	18	Fishguard
19	Cardigan	20	Lampeter	21	Blaenauffestiniog
22	Betwys-y-Coed	23	Prestatyn	24	Flint
25	Wrexham	26	Crewe	27	Sale
28	Oldham	29	Preston	30	Fleetwood
31	Morecombe	32	Kendal	33	Carlisle
34	Dumfries	35	Ayr	36	Glasgow
37	Hyde	38	Fort William	39	Stornaway
40	Tongue	41	Thurso	42	Wick
43	Dornoch	44	Dingwall	45	McDuff
46	Peterhead	47	Stonehaven	48	Forfar
49	Dundee	50	Perth	51	Stirling
52	Edinburgh	53	Eyemouth	54	Berwick-on-Tweed
55	Amble	56	Blyth	57	Newcastle-on-Tyne
58	Sunderland	59	Durham	60	Hartlepool
61	Darlington	62	Whitby	63	Pickering
64	York	65	Leeds	66	Kingston-on-Hull
67	Grimsby	68	Market Rasen	69	Gainsborough
70	Sheffield	71	Nottingham	72	Leicester
73	Stamford	74	Kings Lynn	75	Norwich
76	Bury St. Edmunds	77	Newmarket	78	Saffron Walden
79	Cambridge	80	Harlow	81	Basildon
82	Tilbury	83	Barking	84	Marylebone
85	Greenwich	86	Gravesend	87	Rochester
88	Broadstairs	89	Sandwich	90	Dover
91	Ashford	92	Hastings	93	Lewes
94	Brighton	95	Arundel	96	Chichester
97	Selsey	98	Waterlooville	99	Portsmouth
100	Cowes				

Do we do it better than the professionals?

What's the most basic duty of an umpire? Surely it must be to signal that the batsman is out. Have you noticed how some professional umpires do not appear to have studied Law 3. Law 3.14(a)(i) is quite straightforward really. "the following code of signals shall be used by umpires;- Out—by raising the index finger above the head. Some test match umpires signal out by pointing straight ahead at waist level or by putting a finger in front of the nose and wagging it.

Ed:- his finger I hope not his nose!!

GACO

The first Annual Meeting of Gloucestershire Association of Cricket Officials (GACO) was held on February 16th at The Swan Inn Tythington with 20 members attending.

Chairman Martin Brown opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He outlined the events leading to the formation of GACO. The collective work of many went back beyond the last 12 months to when it was necessary to agree and put in place an acceptable and working ACO to satisfy the Glos. Cricket Board's requirements as charged by the ECB. Most of the Committee are actively involved in serving similar voluntary roles for other associations or their local clubs, which made them suitable and ideal candidates for their roles. Most counties now have in place an ACO but with many differing structures in agreement with their County Boards. GACO and the County remain in a fortunate and privileged position by having two principal and highly pro-active officials Associations situated in the north and south of the County. The GACO Committee is mindful of this and recognises the great asset and support they offer and provide especially in the ability to tutor, appoint and mentor umpires and scorers. These associations are extremely well managed and offer exceptional value to, in many cases, joint and mutual members of GACO.

GACO is considered the conduit to ECB and ECBACO for these Associations and in particular, new recruits and aspiring umpires and scorers wishing to progress and develop a career in officiating, be it in the score-box or out in the middle. There is now a single driven 'pathway' for aspiring officials though from ECB Level 1 to Level 4 courses providing the qualifications to facilitate the progressive development and preparation for appointments to ECB Premier Leagues, ECB one-day and multi-day competition matches. He concluded by thanking the committee members for their support in this first year.

Secretary John Harper then reported that membership stood at 111 but there was scope for recruitment. He urged members to visit the website www.play-cricket.com and register as a member. This would greatly enhance communication with the membership. For those without an e-mail address, he asked for them to enlist the help of a family member or friend to receive messages. Appointments to ECB competitions are the responsibility of GACO, but are delegated to the two local Associations, which have been making the appointments for many years. ECB Gradings will be issued shortly to each member. Full details of the grading system will be contained in the next edition of the ACO Newsletter and subsequently on the ECB ACO Website. The intention was to have a standardised grading system throughout England and Wales.

Treasurer Jon Davies presented the first year's accounts and was followed by Education and Development Officer Peter Rogers who made a short presentation on the various training courses for both umpires and scorers and how entry into the ECB Officials Pathway' leads to progression through the recreational game towards the first class game. He also explained how the current level 1 courses throughout the County were supporting the GCB recruitment drive involving WEPL, Glos. County and Bristol & District Leagues.

This was followed by Steve Silk, County Cricket development Manager. He gave details of the restructuring of the County Board - it will become a limited company by guarantee and supported by three working groups to develop the youth and recreational games. There is to be a new Glos. Youth cricket league with matches played on Sundays, 4 age groups that hopefully will enable any young promising cricketer to develop and progress through to the first class game in Gloucestershire.

The Executive Committee was re-elected 'on bloc'

The meeting concluded with an Open forum session.

WEPL

The following changes were agreed at the WEPL AGM held on 3rd February.

- a) Bowlers would be restricted to 20% of the overs available e.g. a maximum of 11 overs in Premier 1. The intention is that all sides must use a minimum of 5 bowlers. This restriction applies to all divisions.
- b) When the side batting first is bowled out in less than the allotted overs, the remaining overs will no longer be passed to the side batting second. Applies to all divisions
- c) In the case of abandoned games, bonus points will be allocated once 30 overs have been completed. Should a side batting first be bowled out in less than 30 overs the bonus points will also be awarded. The rationale for using 30 overs is based on the regulation that once 60 overs have been completed it constitutes a game. Applies to all divisions
- d) Wide Ball. Concerns have been expressed regarding the calling of wides. Law 25 covers this but as an experiment the following regulation will come into effect for 2010.

"In addition to Law 25, the following will apply: Umpires are instructed to apply a very strict and consistent interpretation in regard to this Law in order to prevent negative bowling wide of the wicket. Any off side or leg side delivery that in the opinion of the umpire does not give the batsman a reasonable opportunity to score shall be called a wide. A leg side wide should be called if a ball passes outside the line of the batsman and the leg stump despite his movement."

C Pannell 2/2010

Jottings from a now retired Umpire

The batsman swished at the first ball of a match going down leg side. It could have touched anything and everything as they ran a single. I signalled leg bye. The bowler asked the batsman what it had hit, a glove was the reply. Thus I had got it wrong from the off. I just hoped the batsman would be out quickly but he went on to get a hundred!

In a friendly game a fielder took a fine catch in the outfield and in his exuberance carried on running and over the boundary. The batsman did not walk. Did the fielder have complete control of the ball and his own movement I asked myself and was the ball dead before it crossed the boundary. I decided that any doubt must go the batsman's way so I called 'not out'. There was much discussion in the bar afterwards and the general opinion was that the fielder was an idiot and the umpire a nitpicker.

The ball ended up in the hedge and after a search the ball was thrown back to the bowler and the game carried on. After a few overs the enraged captain asked me why we were playing with a junior size ball!

Several years ago umpiring a game in another County the fielder by me at square leg commenting on a poor run-out decision by my colleague said "pour old soul he's past it really" I decided then that I would retire from umpiring sooner rather than later and in due course I did so convinced that I got that decision right.

David Lawrence

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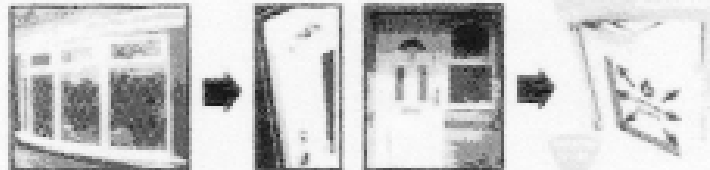


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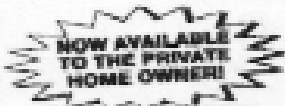
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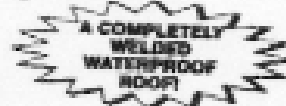
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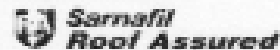
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Dates for your Diaries

Wed. 24 th March 2010	GACUS AGM	7.30 pm
Wed. 21 st April 2010	Pre-Season Seminar	7.30pm
Wed. 28 th April 2010	GACUS Committee	7.30pm

All meetings take place at the Victory Club Lypiatt Rd. Cheltenham

A.G.M.

Our Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday 24th March at 7.30pm at the Victory Club in Cheltenham. Ian Wright (Ass. Appointments Officer) and Mike Cooksley (Welfare Officer) are standing down at the meeting so please give thought to their replacement. Nominations must be in writing or email to the Secretary before the start of the meeting. For people requiring their CRB renewal to be signed off there will be opportunity for this to be done from 7.00pm onwards.

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